



TREE SELECTION FOR COLUMBIA

PLANTING SITE AND SPECIES SELECTION



Flowering Dogwood



Blackgum

PLANTING PRIORITIES

- Select trees that are suited to the chosen site (sunlight and water requirements)
- Select trees that are size-appropriate (at maturity) to available space at the chosen site
- Select trees suited to local environmental conditions (natives)

PLANTING PITFALLS

- Placing trees that are rapid-growing and prone to breakage from ice, snow, or wind, close to homes and property
- Selecting trees that are prone to insect and disease problems
- Don't overestimate the space required for a mature plant and be aware of surrounding structures and over head utilities.

CONSIDER A NATIVE TREE

Native trees are well adapted to the conditions in mid-Missouri, and are acclimated to our local soils and climate. These trees provide habitat for birds, wildlife, and pollinators.

WHAT ARE SOME NATIVE TREES TO MID-MISSOURI?

Large trees such as oaks, tulip poplar, bald cypress, river birch, sycamore, or blackgum. Smaller trees that can tolerate some shade like serviceberry, hawthorn, redbud, or dogwood.